

A G E N D A

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 07, 1997

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Committee Assignments for 1997-98 - Mr. Harrison E. Orr, Supervisor-Chairman
5. Appointment of County Attorney - Mr. Harrison E. Orr, Supervisor-Chairman
6. Appointment of Council Member to Serve on Oconee Memorial Hospital Board - Mr. Harrison E. Orr, Supervisor-Chairman
7. Appointment of Council Member to Serve on SC Appalachian Council of Governments Board
8. Election of Council Member to Serve as Vice Chairman of Oconee County Council
9. Election of Council Clerk
10. Consideration of Bids for Oil Products for the Motor Pool - Mr. Lee Davis, Motor Pool Foreman & Ms. Marianne Dillard, Purchasing Agent
11. Old Business
12. New Business
13. Adjourn

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Ms. M. Fran Burrell, District I Mr. J. Harold Thomas, District II
Mr. Harry R. Hamilton, District III Mrs. Ann H. Hughes, District IV
Mr. Charles R. "Chuck" Timms, District V

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, January 7, 1997 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers with all Council Members and the County Attorney present.

Members of the press notified (by mail): Journal/Tribune, Keowee Courier, Westminster News, Anderson Independent, Greenville News, WGOG Radio, WBFM Radio, WCCP Radio, WYFF TV, & SC Black Media Group.

Press

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio, Ashton Hester - Keowee Courier, Terry Cregar - Greenville News, Allison Glass - Anderson Independent & Mark Hall - Journal/Tribune.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor - Chairman Orr who welcomed the guests and media.

Call to Order

The invocation was given by Mr. Hamilton.

Invocation

The Council made a finding that the Clerk presented the minutes of the December 17, 1996 minutes and they were accepted as information.

Minutes

Supervisor-Chairman Orr then made the Standing Committee Appointments as per the attached copy.

Standing Committees

Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that Opal O. Green be appointed as the Council Clerk.

Council Clerk

Mr. Thomas made a motion, seconded by Ms. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Hamilton be elected as Vice Chair of Council.

Council Vice Chair

Upon recommendation of Mr. Lee Davis, Motor Pool Foreman & Ms. Marianne Dillard, Purchasing Agent, Ms. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hughes, approved 5 - 0 that the bid for oil products at the Motor Pool be awarded to Taylor Enterprises, Inc. who was low bid at \$18,456.96 for estimated quantities to be used. (See attached bid sheet)

Motor Pool

Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thomas that the old facsimile machine in the Tax Center be traded in on the new one approved by Council at the December 16, 1996 meeting.

Tax Center

Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that the motion be amended to include \$25 being taken from contingency to pay the tax.

**Tax Center
Cont'd
(Cont'cy)**

The motion as amended was then adopted 5 - 0.

Mr. Orr then gave the Council members an opportunity to address the audience.

**Council
Members**

Mr. Thomas expressed his appreciation to the citizens of District II for electing him as their representative for the next four years and stated his prayer was that the Lord would help him in his decision making and expressed a commitment to an open government that kept the citizens informed.

Ms. Hughes stated it was both an humbling and awe inspiring feeling to have been elected as a Council Member and she looked forward to the Council working together as a body.

Mr. Hamilton stated he took his charge seriously and pledged to always vote his conscientious.

Mr. Timms stated this is his first term as a Council Member, he wanted to make sure the taxpayers got their money's worth, he was impressed with the personnel, he felt honored to serve and wanted to be a part of moving the county into the twenty-first century.

Ms. Burrell stated she looked forward to working with the new administration and welcomed the new Council Members.

Mr. Orr, Supervisor-Chairman, stated in part the Council has much to do this year and if we do our homework, keep the public well informed and listen to the public, the best course of action would be found and would insure the public's support.

Mr. Timms made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thomas, approved 5 - 0 that Council go into executive session for the purpose of discussing legal and personnel matters.

**Executive
Session**

When open session resumed, Mr. Thomas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Timms, approved 5 - 0 that Council adopt the administration's recommendation to devolve the Law Enforcement Center to the Sheriff.

**Open
Session**

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Mr. Orr assigned the requests to be placed on mailing list to be notified in writing of all Council Meetings and activities and requests be to placed on the agenda whether they wish to speak to the Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee.

**Personnel &
Intergovern
mental**

The committee scheduled a meeting Monday, January 20, 1997 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers to discuss the matter.

Ms. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hughes, approved 5 - 0 that \$4,248.55 be taken from contingency and placed in line item 010 074 00110 07400 for an interim director at the LEC for sixty (60) days.

**LEC
(Cont'cy)**

Adjourn: 9:30 pm

Adjourn

Submitted By:

Opal O. Green

Opal O. Green
Council Clerk

Reviewed By:

Harrison E. Orr
Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council

BIDDER			Taylor Enterprises, Inc.		Lowry Oil Co., Inc.		Moore Bros. Oil Co., Inc.		Bounty Land Petroleum, Inc.		Lindsay Oil Co., Inc.	
APPROX QTY	DESCRIPTION	PACKAGING	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
17	Rando 32 hyd oil	55 gal	148.50	\$ 2,524.50	149.00	\$ 2,533.00	182.05	\$ 3,094.85	147.40	\$ 2,505.80	180.95	\$ 3,076.15
12	URSA 15W40 oil	55 gal	203.50	2,442.00	199.75	2,397.00	211.20	2,534.40	231.55	2,778.60	221.65	2,659.80
10	TDH	55 gal	171.60	1,716.00	199.75	1,997.50	229.35	2,293.50	238.15	2,381.50	226.60	2,266.00
7	Texaco Starplex HD2 grease	120# can	126.00	882.00	123.75	866.25	122.40	856.80	153.60	1,075.20	144.00	1,008.00
20	Texaco Multigear lube 80/90	5 gal	22.40	448.00	22.95	459.00	32.07	641.40	26.60	532.00	28.00	560.00
30	Tractor hyd oil	5 gal	16.70	501.00	19.95	598.50	28.15	844.50	25.60	768.00	24.65	739.50
4	80-90 gear oil	12/1 case	20.99	83.96	29.95	119.80	26.40	105.60	24.00	96.00	20.49	81.96
15	80-90 gear oil	5 gal	22.40	336.00	22.95	344.25	32.07	481.05	26.60	399.00	28.00	420.00
30	Texaco Starplex HD2 grease	5 gal	38.50	1,155.00	37.95	1,138.50	37.45	1,123.50	40.25	1,207.50	42.35	1,270.50
50	Havoline 10w30 oil	12/1 case	17.10	855.00	13.95	697.50	14.40	720.00	15.36	768.00	14.91	745.50
700	Havoline 10W30 oil	bulk	2.75	1,925.00	3.33	2,331.00	3.62	2,534.00	3.65	2,555.00	4.79	3,353.00
75	Havoline Dextron III trans. oil	12/1 case	14.75	1,106.25	13.95	1,046.25	13.89	1,041.75	15.36	1,152.00	13.95	1,046.25
700	URSA 15W40	bulk	3.25	2,275.00	3.19	2,233.00	2.90	2,030.00	3.35	2,345.00	4.97	3,479.00
50	URSA 15W40	12/1 case	15.57	778.50	13.95	697.50	14.61	730.50	14.76	738.00	15.93	796.50
10	URSA 10	5 gal	19.15	191.50	20.95	209.50	27.35	273.50	24.75	247.50	23.40	234.00
3	URSA 10	55 gal	200.75	602.25	195.95	587.85	213.40	640.20	229.90	689.70	215.60	646.80
10	Starplex HD2 grease	60/1 case	63.50	635.00	63.50	635.00	78.00	780.00	49.20	492.00	75.00	750.00
GRAND TOTAL				\$ 18,456.96	\$ 18,891.40	\$ 20,725.55	\$ 20,730.80	\$ 23,132.96				

Attended Opening: Marianne Dillard, Jenny Peay, Lee Davis, Jim Smith - Oconee County

BID No. 96-33
 (Use this number on envelopes and
 all related correspondence)

BID FORM
 OCONEE COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
 201 WEST MAIN STREET
 WALHALLA, S. C. 29691

The Taylor Enterprises, Inc. submits herewith our Bid
 in response to bid request number shown above, and in compliance with the description(s)
 and/or specifications(s) attached hereto for oil products for Oconee County Motor Pool

APPROX. QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PACKAGING	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
17	Rando 32 Hydraulic oil	55 gallon	\$148.50	\$2,524.50
12	URSA 15W40 oil	55 gallons	203.50	2,442.00
10	TDH (Shell)	55 gallon	171.60	1,716.00
7	Texaco Starplex HD2 grease (metal can)	120 # metal can	126.00	882.00
20	Texaco Multigear lube 80/90	5 gallon	22.40	448.00
30	Tractor Hydraulic oil equivalent to Ford 134 & John Deere (Shell)	5 gallon	16.70	501.00
4	80 - 90 gear oil qt.	12/1 case	20.99	83.96
15	80 - 90 gear oil	5 gallon	22.40	336.00
30	Texaco Starplex grease HD2 (metal cont.)	5 gallon	38.50	1,155.00
50	Havoline 10W30 oil (quart) (Shell)	12/1 case	17.10	855.00
700	Havoline 10W30 oil (gallon)	bulk	2.75	1,925.00
75	Havoline Dextron III qt. Transmission fluid	12/1 case	14.75	1,106.25
700	URSA 15W40 (gallon)	bulk	3.25	2,275.00
50	URSA 15W40 qt.	12/1 case	15.57	778.50
10	URSA 10	5 gallon	19.15	191.50
3	URSA 10	55 gallon	200.75	602.25
10	Starplex HD2 grease (tube)	60/1 case	63.50	635.00
GRAND TOTAL				18,456.96

Bid shall include delivery to location stated on Bid Notice. Show any exception, deviation, extra computation, or information on Bid Supplemental Form attached hereto.

Delivery Date: Next Working day
 BIDDING ORGANIZATION: Taylor Enterprises, Inc.
 ADDRESS: P. O. BOX 6385
 CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: Spartanburg, S.C. 29304
 SIGNATURE OF BIDDERS REPRESENTATIVE: Leon S. Taylor
 TITLE: President
 DATE: 11/27/96
 TELEPHONE: 800-922-3149

BID SUPPLEMENTAL FORM
OCONEE COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
201 WEST MAIN STREET
WALHALLA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29691

DATE: November 27, 1996 BID NO. 96-33

The Taylor Enterprises, Inc. takes the following exceptions:
(Bidder)

Last year I quoted on the Starplex 2, instead of the Starplex HD 2 because Texaco does not package Starplex HD 2 in tubes.

Both greases are lithium complexes and are #2 in thickness. The Starplex 2 meets Cincinnati Milacron spec P-64 and Mack GC-G Specification

SIGNATURE: _____

Leon S. Taylor

BID No. 96-33
 (Use this number on envelopes and
 all related correspondence)

BID FORM
 OCONEE COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
 201 WEST MAIN STREET
 WALHALLA, S. C. 29691

The Lowry Oil Co., Inc. submits herewith our Bid
 in response to bid request number shown above, and in compliance with the description(s)
 and/or specifications(s) attached hereto for oil products for Oconee County Motor Pool

APPROX. QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PACKAGING	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
17	Rando 32 Hydraulic oil	55 gallon	149. ⁰⁰	2533.00
12	URSA 15W40 oil	55 gallons	199. ⁷⁵	2397.00
10	TDH	55 gallon	199. ⁷⁵	1997.50
7	Texaco Starplex HD2 grease (metal can)	120 # metal can	123. ⁷⁵	866.25
20	Texaco Multigear lube 80/90	5 gallon	22. ⁹⁵	459.00
30	Tractor Hydraulic oil equivalent to Ford 134 & John Deere	5 gallon	19. ⁹⁵	598.50
4	80 - 90 gear oil qt.	12/1 case	29. ⁹⁵	119.80
15	80 - 90 gear oil	5 gallon	22. ⁹⁵	344.25
30	Texaco Starplex grease HD2 (metal cont.)	5 gallon	37. ⁹⁵	1138.50
50	Havoline 10W30 oil (quart)	12/1 case	13. ⁹⁵	697.50
700	Havoline 10W30 oil (gallon)	bulk	3. ³³	2331.00
75	Havoline Dextron III qt. Transmission fluid	12/1 case	13. ⁹⁶	1046.25
700	URSA 15W40 (gallon)	bulk	3. ¹⁹	2233.00
50	URSA 15W40 qt.	12/1 case	13. ⁹⁵	697.50
10	URSA 10	5 gallon	20. ⁹⁵	209.50
3	URSA 10	55 gallon	195. ⁹⁵	587.85
10	Starplex HD2 grease (tube)	60/1 case	63. ⁵⁰	635.00
GRAND TOTAL				18891.40

Bid shall include delivery to location stated on Bid Notice. Show any exception, deviation, extra computation, or information on Bid Supplemental Form attached hereto.

Delivery Date: as ordered

BIDDING ORGANIZATION: Lowry Oil Co., Inc.

ADDRESS: P. O. BOX P O Box 65

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: Seneca, SC 29679

SIGNATURE OF BIDDERS REPRESENTATIVE: _____

TITLE: President

DATE: 11/21/96

TELEPHONE: 864-882-2441

BID No. 96-33
 (Use this number on envelopes and
 all related correspondence)

BID FORM
 OCONEE COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
 201 WEST MAIN STREET
 WALHALLA, S. C. 29691

The Moore Bros. Oil Co. Inc. submits herewith our Bid
 in response to bid request number shown above, and in compliance with the description(s)
 and/or specifications(s) attached hereto for oil products for Oconee County Motor Pool

APPROX. QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PACKAGING	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
17	Rando 32 Hydraulic oil	55 gallon	\$3.31/gal	\$ 3,094.85
12	URSA 15W40 oil	55 gallons	\$3.84/gal	2,534.40
10	TDH	55 gallon	\$4.17/gal	2,293.50
7	Texaco Starplex HD2 grease (metal can)	120 # metal can	\$1.02/lb	856.80
20	Texaco Multigear lube 80/90	5 gallon	\$.844/lb	641.44
30	Tractor Hydraulic oil equivalent to Ford 134 & John Deere	5 gallon	\$5.63/gal	844.50
4	80 - 90 gear oil qt.	12/1 case	\$2.20/qt	105.60
15	80 - 90 gear oil	5 gallon	\$.844/lb	481.08
30	Texaco Starplex grease HD2 (metal cont.)	5 gallon	\$1.07/lb	1,123.50
50	Havoline 10W30 oil (quart)	12/1 case	\$4.80/gal	720.00
700	Havoline 10W30 oil (gallon)	bulk	3.62/gal	2,534.00
75	Havoline Dextron III qt. Transmission fluid	12/1 case	\$4.63/gal	1,041.75
700	URSA 15W40 (gallon)	bulk	\$2.90/gal	2,030.00
50	URSA 15W40 qt.	12/1 case	\$4.87/gal	730.50
10	URSA 10	5 gallon	\$5.47/gal	273.50
3	URSA 10	55 gallon	\$3.88/gal	640.20
10	Starplex HD2 grease (tube)	60/1 case	\$1.30/Tube	780.00
GRAND TOTAL				\$20,725.62

Bid shall include delivery to location stated on Bid Notice. Show any exception, deviation, extra computation, or information on Bid Supplemental Form attached hereto.

Delivery Date: 12/19/96

BIDDING ORGANIZATION: MOORE BROS OIL CO INC

ADDRESS: P. O. BOX 106 SHADY GROVE RD

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: PICKENS, SC 29671

SIGNATURE OF BIDDERS REPRESENTATIVE: AL MOORE JR

TITLE: V-Pres

DATE: 12/16/96

TELEPHONE: 800-729-2750

BID No. 96-33
 (Use this number on envelopes and
 all related correspondence)

BID FORM
OCONEE COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
 201 WEST MAIN STREET
 WALHALLA, S. C. 29691

The Bounty Land Petroleum, Inc. submits herewith our Bid
 in response to bid request number shown above, and in compliance with the description(s)
 and/or specifications(s) attached hereto for oil products for Oconee County Motor Pool

APPROX. QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION <small>Exxon Equivalent Products Listed Below</small>	PACKAGING	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
17	Rando 32 Hydraulic oil <small>Humble H32</small>	55 gallon	147.40	2,505.80
12	URSA 15W40 oil <small>XD3-15W40 Oil</small>	55 gallons	231.55	2,778.60
10	TDH <small>Torque 58</small>	55 gallon	238.15	2,381.50
7	Texaco Starplex HD2 grease (metal can) <small>Ronex MP</small>	120 # metal can	153.80	1,075.20
20	Texaco Muldigear lube 80/90 <small>Gear Oil GX80W-90</small>	5 gallon	26.60	532.00
30	Tractor Hydraulic oil equivalent to Ford 134 & John Deere <small>Torque 58</small>	5 gallon	25.60	768.00
4	80 - 90 gear oil qt. <small>Gear Oil GX80W-90</small>	12/1 case	24.00	96.00
15	80 - 90 gear oil <small>Gear Oil GX80W-90</small>	5 gallon	26.60	399.00
30	Texaco Starplex grease HD2 (metal cont.) <small>Ronex MP</small>	5 gallon	40.25	1,207.50
50	Havoline 10W30 oil (quart) <small>Superflo 10W30</small>	12/1 case	15.36	768.00
700	Havoline 10W30 oil (gallon) <small>Superflo 10W30</small>	bulk	3.65	2,555.00
75	Havoline Dextron III qt. Transmission fluid <small>Superflo ATF</small>	12/1 case	15.36	1,152.00
700	URSA 15W40 (gallon) <small>XD3-15W40</small>	bulk	3.35	2,345.00
50	URSA 15W40 qt. <small>XD3-15W40</small>	12/1 case	14.76	738.00
10	URSA 10 <small>XD3-10W</small>	5 gallon	24.75	247.50
3	URSA 10 <small>XD3-10W</small>	55 gallon	229.90	689.70
10	Starplex HD2 grease (tube) <small>Ronex MP</small>	60/1 case 600 Cartridges	49.20	738.00
GRAND TOTAL				20,976.80

5% Sales Tax 1,048.84

Grand Total 22,025.64

Bid shall include delivery to location stated on Bid Notice. Show any exception, deviation, extra computation, or information on Bid Supplemental Form attached hereto.

Delivery Date: _____

BIDDING ORGANIZATION: Bounty Land Petroleum, Inc.

ADDRESS: P. O. BOX PO Box 394

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: Pickens, SC 29671

SIGNATURE OF BIDDERS REPRESENTATIVE: _____

TITLE: Vice President

R. Lane Rochester

BID FORM
 ORANGE COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
 201 WEST MAIN STREET
 WALLATA, S.C. 29691

The LINDSAY OIL COMPANY, INC. submits herewith our bid in response to bid request number shown above, and in compliance with the descriptions and/or specifications attached hereto for oil products for Orange County Motor Pool

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PACKAGING	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
12	Rando 32 Hydraulic oil	55 gallon	3.29	3,948.15
12	LIRSA 15W40 oil	55 gallons	4.03	2,659.80
10	TDH	55 gallon	4.12	2,266.00
2	Texaco Starplex HD2 grease (metal can)	120 # metal can	1.20	1,008.00
20	Texaco Multigear lube 80/90	5 gallon	5.60	560.00
50	Tractor Hydraulic oil equivalent to Ford 134 & John Deere 80-90 gear oil qt.	5 gallon	4.93	739.50
1	80-90 gear oil	12/1 case	6.83	81.96
15	80-90 gear oil	5 gallon	5.60	420.00
50	Texaco Starplex grease HD2 (metal can)	5 gallon	1.21	1,270.50
50	Havoline 10W50 oil (quart)	12/1 case	4.97	745.50
700	Havoline 10W30 oil (gallon)	bulk	4.19	3,353.00
25	Havoline Dextron III qt Transmission fluid	12/1 case	4.65	1,046.25
700	LIRSA 15W40 (gallon)	bulk	4.97	3,479.00
50	LIRSA 15W40 oil	12/1 case	5.31	1,160.50
10	LIRSA 10	5 gallon	4.68	234.00
5	LIRSA 10	55 gallon	3.92	646.00
10	Starplex HD2 grease (tube)	60/1 case	1.25	750.00
GRAND TOTAL				

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Delivery Date:

BIDDING ORGANIZATION: Lindsay O.I Co. Inc.
 ADDRESS: P. O. BOX Po Box 794
 CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: Seneca S.C. 29679
 SIGNATURE OF BIDDERS REPRESENTATIVE: Joy Harland
 TITLE: Plant Manager
 DATE: 12-4-96
 TELEPHONE: 864-878-9388

Harrison E. Orr
Oconee County Supervisor
January 6, 1997

There are several things I feel I should say to set a positive tone for the coming year. But first I want to again publicly thank all those who supported my election as County Supervisor. I also want to publicly acknowledge the years of public service put in by retiring supervisor Norman Crain and retiring council members Roy Strickland and Alton Williams.

At the same time, I want to welcome new council members J. Harold Thomas, Ann Hughes, and Chuck Timms. With their enthusiasm and the new ideas they bring, along with the experience of Fran Burrell and Harry Hamilton, I think we have an excellent council team and I'm looking forward to working with them this year.

This council will be facing many ongoing issues such as solid waste, cramped county facilities, traffic congestion, nude dancing, jobs, taxes, budgets, and a hundred other things. But perhaps the most important issue of all is what this County Council decides regarding the proposed land-use plan submitted to us last year by our Planning Commission.

I feel we must have an informed public consensus on the kind of future we want for our county and what steps we should take to ensure we can get there. I believe the adoption of a land-use plan is one of the steps we should take, but I also believe we need better public understanding and wider support to do it right.

County council and the general public must thoroughly understand the pros and cons of adopting such a land-use plan, but County Council and the general public must ALSO thoroughly understand the pros and cons of NOT adopting such a land-use plan.

Opponents of last year's proposed land-use plan focused mainly on fears of oppressive zoning of their private property. County-wide zoning has never been the intent of our Planning Commission or County Council. But we must overcome these fears and satisfy the public that there are adequate safeguards against oppressive zoning of private property and that there are important benefits to all in adopting a reasonable land-use plan.

I will ask County Council to work with the Planning Commission to help them organize a special public information project on this issue. I am suggesting the Planning Commission consider much wider distribution of their proposed land-use plan this time, and that they conduct a series of public meetings for the purpose of presenting its contents and the thinking that went into it. I also suggest they ask the local newspapers to print the document and comment on it. I will ask that this project be undertaken in the next several months and that re-submission of a proposed land-use plan to County Council be deferred until they have completed the public information project. Their objective should be to find out if revisions are necessary to gain the wide public support we need before re-considering adoption.

The only other subject I want to discuss at this time is my commitment to open government. I do not mean to imply that county government has not been open in the past, but I do believe it should be a good deal MORE open than it has been. First, as I pledged in my campaign, I will operate my office under a new "open door policy". I will make myself personally available to the public to the extent possible, and all letters and phone calls will receive a response in a reasonable length of time. Secondly, we will set up regularly scheduled meetings between media representatives and County Council for the purpose of providing background on our actions and answering their questions. Accurate and comprehensive coverage of county business is another good way of ensuring open government and an informed public.

County Council has much to do this year, and I think we have an excellent team with which to do it. If we do our homework properly, keep the public well informed and listen carefully to their ideas and concerns, we will find the best course of action and we will earn their continued support and respect.

Thankyou and God bless you all,

Harrison E. Orr January 6, 1997